



# The Year We Hid Away

*Sarina Bowen*

Download now

Read Online ➔

# The Year We Hid Away

*Sarina Bowen*

**The Year We Hid Away** Sarina Bowen

**She's hiding something big. He's hiding someone small.**

Scarlet Crowley's life was torn apart the day father was arrested for unspeakable crimes. Now the shock has worn off, but not the horror.

It's a safe bet that Scarlet is the only first year at Harkness College who had to sneak past TV news trucks parked on her front lawn just to leave town. But college will be Scarlet's fresh start. Clutching a shiny new student ID — with a newly minted name on it — she leaves it all behind. Even if it means lying to the boy she's falling for.

Bridger McCaulley is a varsity hockey star known for being a player both on and off the ice. But a sobering family crisis takes that all away. Protecting his sister means a precarious living arrangement and constant deception. The only bright spot in his week is the few stolen hours he spends with Scarlet.

The two form a tentative relationship based on the understanding that some things must always be held back. But when grim developments threaten them both, going it alone just won't work anymore. And if they can't learn to trust one another now, the families who let them down will take everything they've struggled to keep.

## The Year We Hid Away Details

Date : Published June 1st 2014 by Rennie Road Books (first published May 26th 2014)

ISBN : 9780991068029

Author : Sarina Bowen

Format : Paperback 272 pages

Genre : New Adult, Romance, Sports and Games, Sports, Contemporary, Academic, College

 [Download The Year We Hid Away ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Year We Hid Away ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online The Year We Hid Away Sarina Bowen**

---

# From Reader Review The Year We Hid Away for online ebook

## Jeannine Allison says

WOW. I wasn't really sure what to expect from this, but I absolutely loved it. There was no crazy drama and I managed to be surprised at almost every turn (probably because I was expecting some crazy drama). Bridger was perfection! I loved how his man-whore status wasn't the main focus of the novel, he owned up to it and wasn't *afraid* of a relationship. Scarlet was the same way, she had reservations but she wasn't running from anything. It was great to see two strong characters fight for each other, despite all the crap the world threw at them. I loved how their romance came together, and how they handled everything in between. Like I said, there wasn't one BIG climatic moment, but a bunch of little things that could have derailed them. It was realistic without being boring. I wasn't *in love* with the first novel in the series, but this one more than made up for it! And I'm very excited to continue :)

---

## Jacqueline's Reads says

### 5 I love Bridger Stars

The year We Hid Away is part of the Ivy Years series and is a standalone. I haven't read a Sarina Bowen book. I've seen her books everywhere, but I never started this series because I thought you had to read them in order. Well, you don't. When I realized each books were a standalone, I decided to start with this one.

### I absolutely loved it!

I really liked the storyline and I loved the writing style. The Year we Hid Away is a college NA romance novel, it had everything I was looking for in a read. I got my swoon worthy hero, Heroine I want to be friends with and an addictive plot. I loved this book from page one.

Bridger and Scarlet both have secrets. Okay, so the book isn't about secrets, but it's about two college kids struggling on their own. Scarlet's father is under investigation for some sordid crimes. Scarlet, not having the best relationship with her dad already, wants nothing to do with her father still.

Scarlet was a bit head-strong at times, but I love her loyalty and need to be independent. I liked that yes, she had a rough childhood, but she doesn't let it define her and she uses college as way to start over.

Bridger is this mysterious guy on campus, he was once a player, but now he's secluded. He works three jobs and is always busy. No one seems to be able to track him down. I really loved Bridger! I loved how mysterious he was and I loved that he only had Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoon off for a few hours where he would spend some time with Scarlet, his new study buddy.

I loved Scarlet and Bridger together. I loved it when they study, flirt and have random dialogue. I was glued to the pages and I smiled from ear to ear because I found the relationship really adorable.

But of course both have issues and both are trying to find some normal in their lives despite the issues and I really liked that. I liked how they try very hard to keep the issues out of their relationship, it was endearing and sweet.

I can't believe it took me so long to start this series. I loved simply loved it

**The Year We Fell Down #1 AMAZON**

**The Year We Hid Away #2 AMAZON**

**Blonde Date #2.5 AMAZON**

**The Understatement of the Year #3 AMAZON**

**The Shameless Hour #4 AMAZON**

**The Fifteenth Minute #5 AMAZON**

---

## **Rachel Reads Ravenously says**

**4 stars!**

*"My trick is understanding that there aren't any tricks. You just have to wade through each moment as it comes."*

**The Year We Hid Away** is the second book in the Ivy Years series and it focuses on Scarlet and former college hockey player Bridger. Scarlet is a freshman and is escaping a horrid home and Bridger is a joint student pursuing his undergraduate and masters degrees at the same time. They meet in class, begin to hang out and become friends.

**Scarlet** is hiding who she is from everyone. After a high profile case on her father is made extremely public, she spent the last year being shunned by her friends and her community and is excited to start a new life in a new city with a new name. **Bridger** is trying to maintain a low profile while secretly raising his younger sister because their mother is addicted to drugs. Both Bridger and Scarlet have miles of issues, but the two find comfort and love in each other.

So I'm at the point where I am a bit shell-shocked that this series isn't wildly successful. I can see now why Sarina Bowen and Elle Kennedy teamed up to write a book together because their writing style and story format is very similar.

The best part of this book for me was it was very much the characters' own book. Yes characters from the previous book were there, but their presence didn't overwhelm the story, it enhanced it. Both characters underwent so many trials and tribulations but they stuck together for the most part and relied on each other for support and comfort, what the majority of couples should do when times get hard. Lots of sweet heartfelt moments between Scarlet and Bridger, along with Bridger's younger sister Lucy.

*“Thank you, Scarlet”.*  
*“For what? For being your Tuesday and Thursday girl?”*  
*“For all seven days. Because I think of you on all of them.”*

I also felt the depiction of college life was fairly accurate in this book. No weird drama where everyone knew everything about each other, no wild parties every night. Basically a lot of stereotypes were missing or not overdone and it read like a true college experience (or at least like mine).

The reason this is not a 5? Well, I've been noticing a trend in Bowen's books where not everything is resolved, and while I know that's life, it'd be nice to know the complete HEA of all of the characters. So far these first two books felt like they were cut off before the story is over. But we'll see with the other books how it plays out.

I recommend for all of you Elle Kennedy fans out there! Low drama and low angst for those of you who hate those kinds of things.

---

## Simona Bartolotta says

### 2.5

**The story is nice and, overall, entertaining enough**, but nothing I haven't seen hundreds of times already. **It could have been much better**, but it could have been much worse too.

There is **only one thing I'd like to point out**.

**The female lead, Scarlet, takes an Italian class** in college. The teacher wants his students to speak only Italian during his classes, and in one scene he admonishes them yelling “EN ITALIANO!” (yes, it's all caps in the book too).

A PITY THAT'S THE WRONG PREPOSITION.

It's Spanish that uses *en*, in Italian we have *in* just like in English. I am perfectly aware that this mistake is completely unimportant plot-wise, but man, **authors have the duty to do at least a little research** when they want or need to write (about) something they don't know well. And *it was* only a simple preposition—any online translator like Reverso Context could have removed the doubt. It makes me wonder about the authenticity of all the rest, especially because **the novel deals with thorny, delicate issues that need to be dealt with properly** and with which sloppiness is just not allowed. And **that tiny, apparently inconsequential mistake doesn't reassure me** for sure.

(Also, I'm Italian and it became kind of personal, just because we are hot-blooded like that. But jeez, was it so difficult to double check that little detail?)

---

## Anniebananie says

Ich hab eeeeeeecht lange gebraucht um dieses dünne Büchlein zu beenden.

Das hat auch einen ganz einfachen Grund: es hat mich einfach nicht mitreißen können. Mir hat einfach das Kribbeln, die Chemie, zwischen unseren beiden Protagonisten total gefehlt. Ich mochte die beiden an sich ja echt gerne und die haben sich auch wirklich verdient um sich gegenseitig zu unterstützen, aber mir war das doch am Anfang zu viel Insta-Love mit zu wenig Schmetterlingen im Bauch. Und auch im weiteren Verlauf

des Buches hatte ich das Gefühl, dass die Liebesgeschichte total untergeht und grade auf die freue ich mich ja bei Büchern von Sarina Bowen. Schade, das erste Buch von ihr bisher, was mich nicht so ganz überzeugen konnte, trotz witzig-spritzigem Schreibstil.

---

## **Duchess Nicole says**

Two five star books in a row in this series. (If you want me to be honest, the novella that comes after this has already been devoured as well, and it's a 4.5 Star) That's almost unheard of for me, especially lately. What is it about this series that is blowing me away? I pick up a book and can't stop reading...it's been a long time since I've been unable to put a book down.

Scarlett and Bridger's journey was a rough one...not because of angst and New Adult insecurity, but because of the heavy responsibilities on their shoulders and the way they handled them. Bridger, who we met in book one, has given up watching his drug addicted mother put his baby sister in danger, and he's stepped up and manned up and done whatever he can to keep her safe and loved. If that means giving up his hockey career, his social life, and all the freedoms that come with being the drop dead gorgeous athlete on an Ivy League campus, then that's what he'll do. Because he's just effing awesome like that. Scarlett is pretty literally running from her past. Through no fault of her own, she's under public scrutiny. She changes her life and her name and settles into Harkness, just putting her head down and living her life.

Much like book one, this duo becomes good friends before the sparks start to fly, and it made all the difference in how much I rooted for them to succeed. Sarina Bowen is my newest addiction. I don't get one of those often, and I'm thrilled to still have a few books of hers to read. Her books are sweet and sexy yet realistic and heavy at times. Perfect combo for this reader. Five huge stars...I liked this one even better than book one. I'd give it six if I could!

So far, the first two books can totally be read as stand alones...another plus.

---

## **Christy says**

**5 stars!**

**She's hiding something big. He's hiding someone small.**

Well hello there, binge-reading. It's nice to see you again ;) It's been a while since I've completely devoured a series back to back like I'm doing with the Ivy Years Series. I can't help it. I don't want to stop! This series is so great! I love that each book is about a different couple, and that each story gives me the feels and keeps me completely invested in the characters lives.

Bridger and Scarlet's story was special. They were both hiding something and it was crucial that they kept it hidden. Neither was looking for a relationship, both have a lot on their plate, but they're drawn to each other. Gah! I loved them both so much.

Bridger was a fantastic character and an amazing big brother. His relationship with his sister Lucy was one of my favorite things about this book. I really admired him for how he handled the situation with her. I loved all their interactions.

“You said a swear”. Her voice was small.

“You can say one, too. Anyone who’s throwing up gets a free swear”.

“Shit” Lucy said.

“Good one.”

While Bridger was hiding someone, Scarlet was hiding who she was. Her past identity has been sealed and she doesn’t want it ever coming out. She can’t bear for Bridger to learn her secret, even when she finds out his. But nothing can stay secret forever...

I enjoyed watching everything play out with this one in the end. It made me smile, and even brought me to tears a few times. I can’t wait to jump straight to the next one in the series. Just like book one, the narration in the audio is fantastic!

---

## **Norah Una Sumner says**

### **3.5 stars**

Interesting little story. I liked it just a bit more than the first book, but they're both pretty good. Bridger and Scarlet have an amazing chemistry and I liked reading about them. Bridger has an adorable little secret, which I loved as well. The aspect of characters' dark past was quite a huge deal in this book, and it was done well. I am definitely ready to jump onto the next book, I heard so many good things about it!

---

## **Kate's Corner says**

Spoiler -ish!

5 Tuesday & Thursday Stars.

I loved this book. It has angst and two stories that are heartbreaking for the MC. This book stayed with me all throughout the night.

Scarlet had her name changed as over the past year she turned into a pariah. Her father has been accused of sexually abusing young boys (really iffy topic for me here) She escapes to Harkness in the hopes that everything will change. But the past can never be outrun.

I liked Scarlet and although she wanted to separate herself from her parents issues it is futile. She has to face her demons and come out on top. It was painful to ride what she was going through and I was hoping that she would come away with very little scars, I think she did.

Bridger former playboy and party animal has done a 180 after seeing that his mother has been deteriorating even more and that his former house is now a meth lab. He's taken his sister Lucy to live in his dorm room although it is against the rules.

The highlights of Scarlet and Bridger's week are Tuesdays & Thursdays where they have statistics and music theory together. In time things change and develop. These two are perfect for each other in every way. Although they are also both stubborn.

A known fact is I'm really picky when it comes to NA this basically means I stay away from it as I consider to be the plague, but this series seems to have convinced me that not all NA is bad. I must say so far it has gotten under my skin.

Maybe it is because of the theme of the book and that the MC are so mature with what they had to deal with. I reckon it is also the character development and most certainly the author's writing style. The pace was amazing and there was never a boring moment. I felt as if I was riding an emotional rollercoaster ride without wanting to.

She grips me with her words and storytelling and I didn't want to put it down. Luckily, I didn't have to ?

This content won't be for everyone it made me feel uncomfortable at times and a lot of things don't bother me. I recommend the book.

P.S. No o/w drama

??? PLEASE SUBSCRIBE / LIKE / FOLLOW US ???

Blog : <https://www.jerisbookattic.com>

FB Page : <https://www.facebook.com/JerisBookAttic>

Twitter : <https://twitter.com/JeriTRyan>

Goodreads : <https://www.goodreads.com/user/show/2...>

Bloglovin : <https://www.bloglovin.com/@jerisbooka...>

---

### **Tami says**

Es war so schön! Aber leider viel zu kurz ... manchmal ging die Handlung viel zu schnell, besonders am Anfang. Da hat mir das Kribbeln gefehlt. Aber trotzdem hab ich das Buch sehr gemocht. Bridger <3

---

### **Katharina | katharia says**

4,5 Sterne

---

### **R \* A Reader Obsessed \* says**

3.5 Stars



Not as strong as the first in this series but still very, very solid.

Scarlet is hiding and for good reasons. Her dad has been charged with a horrendous crime, and thus her entire life has been hell for the last year. She just wants to escape to college and start anew, and that begins with changing her identity. The only bright thing in her life is the growing friendship she has with hottie Bridger, as they help each other with classes and studying.

The thing is, Bridger too, is hiding some big secrets. His mom has spiraled into self destruction after the sudden death of his father a few years back, so much so, his little sister Lucy has been grossly neglected. Being the great guy he is, Bridger's taken it upon himself to care for her, keeping fingers and toes crossed that no one finds out he's breaking all sorts of rules that can get him kicked out of college or forcing Lucy into foster care. He's burning the candle at both ends and something inevitably is gonna give.

Once again, Bowen excels so much at her male protagonists. Bridger was a dream. Caring, loyal, immensely earnest and gentle, and wonderful in all the ways one can be as a big brother and boyfriend. \*dreamy sigh\* Scarlet herself, wasn't too bad. There's a bit of melodrama which kinda made me roll my eyes, as she sacrifices her relationship for the good of all involved. Ugh. However it was totally understandable. I guess. This is where communication is key, and it frustratingly took awhile for that to happen.

Overall, a good entry to this series. Obviously, the majority of points goes towards Bridger. This was consistently sweet and sexy - I doubt many will complain about this at all. Enjoy!

---

## **Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

GUYS! Kindle freebie 12/27/17!

---

## **‘Jennifer | Wortgetreu says**

Ich würde dem Buch gute 3,5 Sterne geben. Es hat mir viel besser gefallen, als der erste Band, da ich die Protagonisten auch viel mehr mochte und Lucy einfach zu süß war. Leider fehlte mir manchmal ein wenig Drama. Die Geschichte rund um Shannons/Scarlett's Dad hätte ich gerne vertiefter gehabt. Ich hätte mir da mehr kochende Emotionen und geladene Dialoge gewünscht. Man hätte definitiv noch viel, viel mehr aus der Story rausholen können.

Trotzdem hatte ich Spaß beim Lesen und habe es innerhalb von zwei Tagen beendet, da ich es nicht aus der Hand legen wollte. Bin gespannt auf die weitere „The Ivy Years“ Bücher.

---

## **Kristen says**

**Solid 4 Stars – New Adult Romance**

---